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For Recycling Commodities

Kentucky Recycling Assistance Section

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## DWM's Statewide Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Workshop June 8 and 9

The annual Division of Waste Management's Statewide Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Workshop will be held at Lake Cumberland State Park on June 8 and 9.

An agenda will be forthcoming, but recycling topics lined up so far include recycling trends in Kentucky and the management of the City of London's curbside recycling program.

DWM has a block of rooms reserved for the nights of June 7 and 8 under the name DWM Solid Waste and Recycling Workshop. In order to make your reservation, contact the state park at 800-325-1709 or 270-343-3111.

Please RSVP to Becky Block at [Rebecca.block@ky.gov](mailto:Rebecca.block@ky.gov) or 502-564-6716 ext. 4032.

## Survey: Americans Still Embrace Recycling

While recycling may have been on the defensive in recent months, a survey indicates that the vast majority of Americans are still motivated to divert materials.

The survey, conducted on behalf of the Carton Council, found 90 percent of respondents believe recycling is at least somewhat important. Meanwhile, 61 percent said "people should try to make it a priority" and 95 percent said increased recycling will lead to environmental savings.

Jason Pelz, the vice president of recycling projects for the Carton Council, a group that advocates for the recycling of cartons and curbside recyclables, said the results contradict recent media coverage "that questioned the importance of recycling."

"American consumers care about recycling and the environment," Pelz stated in a press release. "It's within our power as an industry to unite for the common goal of ensuring every American has access to recycling and is recycling all that they can."

In March, the Carton Council released results from another survey that found 91 percent of Americans believed brands should aid in the recycling of their packaging.

Pelz, who also serves as vice president of Tetra Pak Americas, wrote an op-ed in the print magazine *Resource Recycling* addressing the latest survey results.

For more information on the surveys, check <http://www.cartonopportunities.org/survey> and [http://www.cartonopportunities.org/sites/default/files/files/Research%20press%20release%20FINAL%203\\_2\\_16\(1\).pdf](http://www.cartonopportunities.org/sites/default/files/files/Research%20press%20release%20FINAL%203_2_16(1).pdf).

If you are interested in reading Pelz's op-ed piece, you can find it at <http://resource-recycling.com/images/RRMAG/Pelz0416rr.pdf>.

## Recycled HDPE Prices Rise Sharply

According to *Resource Recycling*, the value of old milk jugs and other forms of HDPE scrap rose more than 25 percent in recent weeks.

The price paid for HDPE container bales on the East Coast leaped to more than 32 cents per pound at the beginning of April (FOB supplier's dock). While this is welcome news for bale sellers, the current price is still 40 percent below the record-high in the summer of 2014 of 56 cents per pound.

Industry observers suggest several factors help explain this sudden price burst. Virgin PE in North America rose 5 cents per pound in March due to strong exports.

Resin makers were also forced to pay more for ethylene because a number of monomer producers slowed production for maintenance at several large crackers in the Houston-Galveston area in Texas.

At the same time, recycled HDPE resin producers are experiencing their typical spring increase in demand from seasonal consumers such as pipe makers and garden-supply producers.

COMMODITY	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	Apr-15
<b><u>PAPER-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>RISI Official Board Markets (Midwest/Chicago area) FOB</b>							
-	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Jan-16</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>
#2 mixed paper	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$45-50	\$40-45	\$45-50	\$30-35
#37 sorted office paper (SOP)	\$120-130	\$115-125	\$105-115	\$105-115	\$105-115	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$135-145
#8 ONP	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$45-50
#40 sorted white ledger (SWL)	\$210-220	\$200-210	\$190-200	\$190-200	\$190-200	\$190-200	\$185-195	\$230-240
#11 OCC	\$75-80	\$70-75	\$65-70	\$60-65	\$60-65	\$60-65	\$65-70	\$60-65
<b><u>PLASTICS-¢/LB.</u></b>	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - FOB</b>							
-	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Jan-16</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>
#1 PET - mixed (clear & green)	\$0.10	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.13
#2 HDPE (natural-milk jugs)	\$0.26	\$0.27	\$0.29	\$0.28	\$0.27	\$0.26	\$0.30	\$0.31
#2 HDPE (colored-detergent btls.)	\$0.18	\$0.22	\$0.25	\$0.21	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.20	\$0.30
<b><u>GLASS-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered</b>							
-	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Jan-16</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>
clear (flint)	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$32.00
brown (amber)	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$27.00	\$22.00
green	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$11.00
<b><u>METALS</u></b>	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled/Densified</b>							
-	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Jan-16</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>
aluminum beverage cans (UBC) cents/lb.	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.54	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.72
	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled</b>							
	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Jan-16</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>Apr-15</b>
steel cans \$/TON	\$35-90	\$20-40	\$24-32	\$22-32	\$45-78	\$70-90	\$80-100	\$65-85



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